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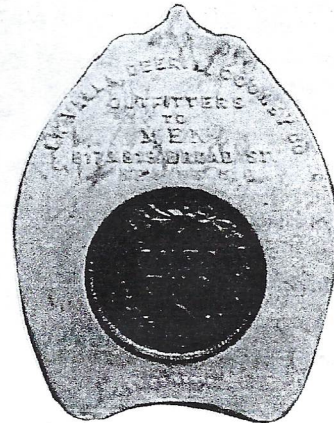
DUES ARE \$8.00 PER YEAR & RUNS FROM JAN. TO JAN. (4-ISSUES) - JUNIOR (UNDER 18)

\$5 WILL RECEIVE THEIR OWN "JERSEYANA". CHECK YOUR  
ADDRESS LABEL - THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST  
ISSUED UNLESS WE REC'D YOUR 09' DUES.

UPDATE ENCASED

LA VALLA, DEERIN, COONEY CO. / OUTFITTERS /  
TO / MEN / 817 & 819 BROAD ST. / NEWARK, N.J.  
W&H CO. NEWARK, N.J. (MINTMARK) Whisbone Shape, 1901¢

*This just sold on  
E-624 for \$84.83  
plus \$3.50 POSTAGE.*



## **PRESIDENTIS MESSAGE**

Hi – Hope this finds you all well and happy. I am sorry I missed the last deadline. I hope you all will try to attend the GSNA convention in Somerset at the Ukrainian Center. It is generally a winning affair and there will be tokens, medals etc. N.J.E.S. generally meets on Saturday morning of the convention (May 16<sup>th</sup>) and, of course, incredibly important decisions are made. Actually, last year we had a very interesting “Show and Tell” and expect to do the same this year.

Some of you may have seen a medal I acquired a couple of years ago. It appears to be silver and was awarded to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation of Camden, New Jersey on May 15, 1918. The obverse reads “United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation Given In Recognition Of Extraordinary Effort In Ship Construction In Time Of The Nation’s Need” On the reverse is an image of a ship with the date and “World’s Record S.S. Tuckahoe Launched In 27 Days Completed In 37 Days At The Yard Of New York Shipbuilding Corporation” I had read a company publication about “New York Ship” as it was locally known but the medal was not mentioned. I thought I would have to go to some (to me) fairly obscure government publications to find out more but never got around to it. I showed the medal to a colleague at the Watchung Hills Coin Club and he said why don’t you try to Google it? So I did. Not only is the medal pictured but there is a letter from President Woodrow Wilson dated May 3, 1918 addressed to the “Workmen and Executive Staff of the New York Shipbuilding Company” “My dear Friends, I want to congratulate you on the extraordinary record you have made in your work on the steamship TUCKAHOE....” The letter goes on in a most laudatory sense. The vessel was a 331 foot long collier (coal carrier). It was the end of the war and I wonder what happened to her. New York Ship built many famous vessels, among them the ill-fated U.S.S. Indianapolis of (W.W. II) fame. I believe the U.S.S. New Jersey was also built there. At one time (W.W. II) New York Ship was probably the largest ship builder in the world. Got to do more reading! Best to all – see you at the G.S.N.A. Pete

### **President’s Message addendum –**

This will be reaching you after our meeting at the GSNA convention. The meeting went very well as did the Show- and -Tell. We will be distributing elongated New Jersey quarters to the membership next year. I bought an amusement token from Paul Cunningham with an image of a gorilla breaking out of a cage. I brought this and the blank and struck cent combo I got from Jim Majoros down to Philadelphia the next day as we were going to watch our grandson play baseball.



The grandchildren enjoyed the gifts and thanked me but they had just come back from the Chestnut Hill flower show and were loaded down with goodies. I asked my granddaughter, who is ten, "How did you get so much stuff." "We are little kids. We are very cute. We act interested. We smile a lot. And people give us things. I don't want to grow up and have to buy things with a credit card."



S.S. Tuckahoe and Woodrow Wilson

<http://yorkship.home.comcast.net/~yorkship/tuckahoe.htm>



#### Obverse:

United States Shipping Board  
Emergency Fleet Corporation

Given  
In Recognition of Extra-  
Ordinary Effort In Ship  
Construction In  
Time of the  
Nation's  
Need



#### Reverse:

Camden  
May 15, 1918  
World's Record  
"S.S. Tuckahoe"  
Launched in 27 Days  
Completed in 37 Days  
At The Yard Of  
New York Shipbuilding  
Corporation

*Special thanks to Stephen McGurl and Matt Paul for their assistance with this page.*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

3 May, 1918

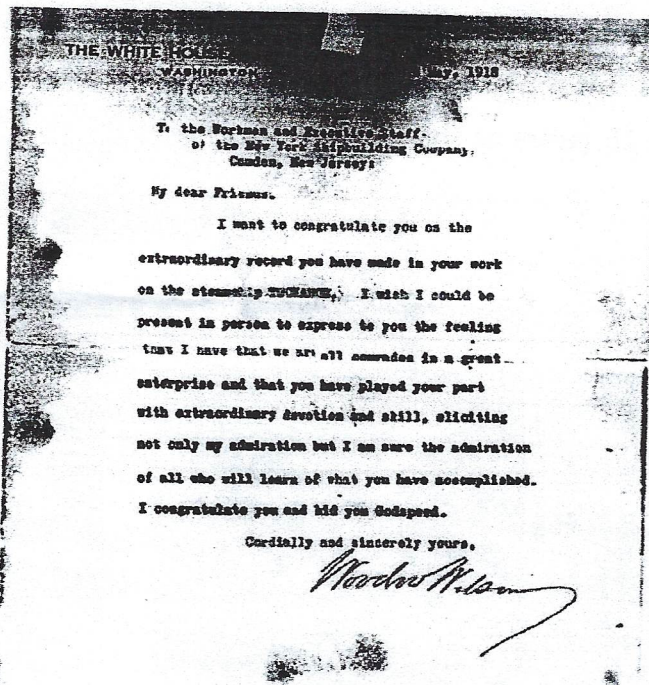
To the Workmen and Executive Staff  
of the New York Shipbuilding  
Company  
Camden, New Jersey:

My dear Friends,

I want to congratulate you on the extraordinary record you have made in your work on the steamship TUCKAHOE. I wish I could be present in person to express to you the feeling that I have that we are all comrades in a great enterprise and that you have played your part with extraordinary devotion and skill, eliciting not only my admiration but I am sure the admiration of all who will learn of what you have accomplished. I congratulate you and bid you Godspeed.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Woodrow Wilson





We would like to thank club member Ray Williams (left photo) who helped us obtain 3 rolls of B.U. New Jersey state quarters for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary elongated. Ray called Harry Garrison Coin Shop located in Trenton and Harry was willing to help our club by selling us the quarters at cost. I took a ride to the shop to pick up the coins and after checking two boxes of tokens came home with a New Jersey bank token. So if you are in the Trenton area, stop in and see Harry (don't forget to check out the token boxes).

Member Dennis Berubel (right photo) was named G.S.N.A. 2009 Numismatist of the Year. He also is the president of the Ocean County Coin Club replacing N.J.E.S. life member Jim Majoros who stepped down after 15 years at the helm. Good Luck, Dennis

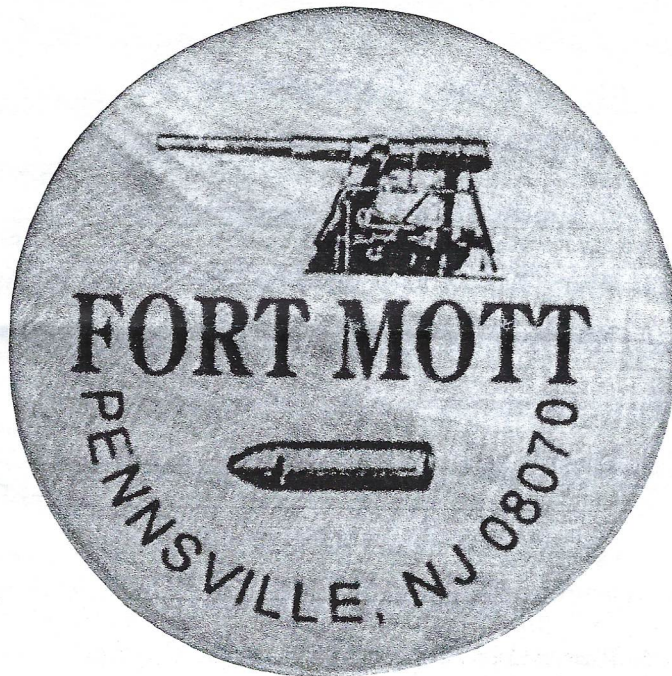




### G.S.N.A. MEETING

Pete Wacker, Steve Middleton and Bob Schopp will remain N.J.E.S. officers for the next two years. I was appointed by Pete to stay on as the editor. An Elongated New Jersey state quarter was picked for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year (all members will receive one). Show & Tell - Pete showed some Rutgers University tokens & medals. I showed an Atlantic City medal that I purchased from Al Zaika that was new to me. We had 10 members and 2 guests. Bob recommended that the dues remain the same as we still have over \$3,000 in our bank account.

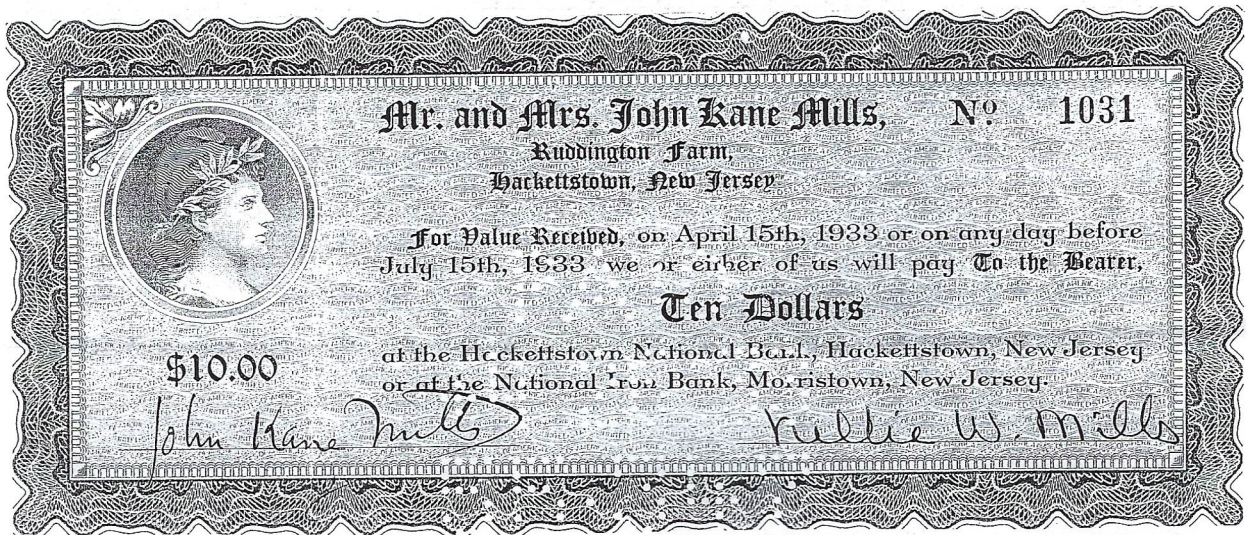
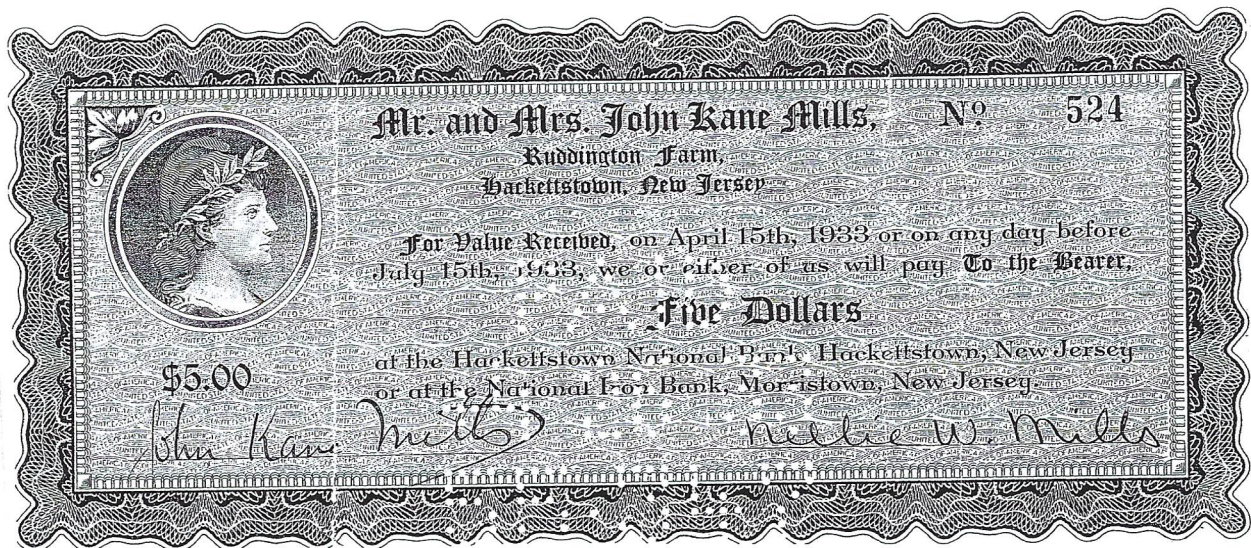
### FORT MOTT WOODEN NICKEL



### Fort Mott State Park

Fort Mott was part of a coastal defense system designed for the Delaware River in the late 1800s. The fortifications seen today at Fort Mott were erected in 1896 in anticipation of the Spanish-American War. Today, visitors can wander through the old batteries following interpretive signs with detailed descriptions of the fort. Just beyond the fortifications is the Delaware River. The shoreline offers good spots for walking and picnicking. The NJ Coastal Heritage Trail Welcome Center accommodates displays defining Fort Mott's place in history and the environment.





**The rare 5.00 and 10.00 scrip of Mr. and Mrs. John Kane Mills (reduced .78x)**  
Among the treasures of Al Zaika's depression scrip collection

*Exonomia from Your Neighborhood – Warren County*

## **THE DO-IT-YOURSELF BANKERS FROM HACKETTSTOWN**

*David D. Gladfelter, NLG*

Most depression scrip was issued by public or quasi-public bodies such as county and municipal governments, boards of education and relief agencies. Another form was issued by businesses, clearing houses and trade associations. Scrip issued by private individuals was not common. That put forth by Mr. and Mrs. John Kane Mills of Ruddington Farm in Hackettstown on April 15, 1933, barely a month after the bank holiday proclaimed by President Roosevelt, was unusual enough that Neil Shafer made special mention of it in the introduction to his Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip of the United States, written with Ralph A. Mitchell in 1988. He called it an example of "strictly privately sponsored scrip issues" that was "well accepted."



The examples shown above are from the collection of Al Zaika. He bought them in 1982 and told me that they were the only ones he had ever seen. He sold them to me earlier this year; they are the first I have seen. These notes qualify as New Jersey's rarest depression scrip on the basis of the prices shown in the Shafer catalog.

The \$5.00 denomination is printed in green and the \$10.00 in orange, on unwatermarked bond paper without a printer's imprint (Shafer attributes them to the Security Bank Note Co. on the basis of the design). Both notes are signed in ink by both Mr. and Mrs. Mills, are endorsed in blank by the recipient (Penrose L. Young) although made payable to bearer, have a clearinghouse stamp on the back, and have identical perforated bank cancellations showing that they were paid on April 26, 1933, with the payor bank's identification number, 55-347. Thus they make an ideal set, but for the fact that the wide margins shown on the Shafer plate specimen have been trimmed away, partly into the reverse endorsements.

Shafer gives the following information about this issue in a note following the catalog listing:

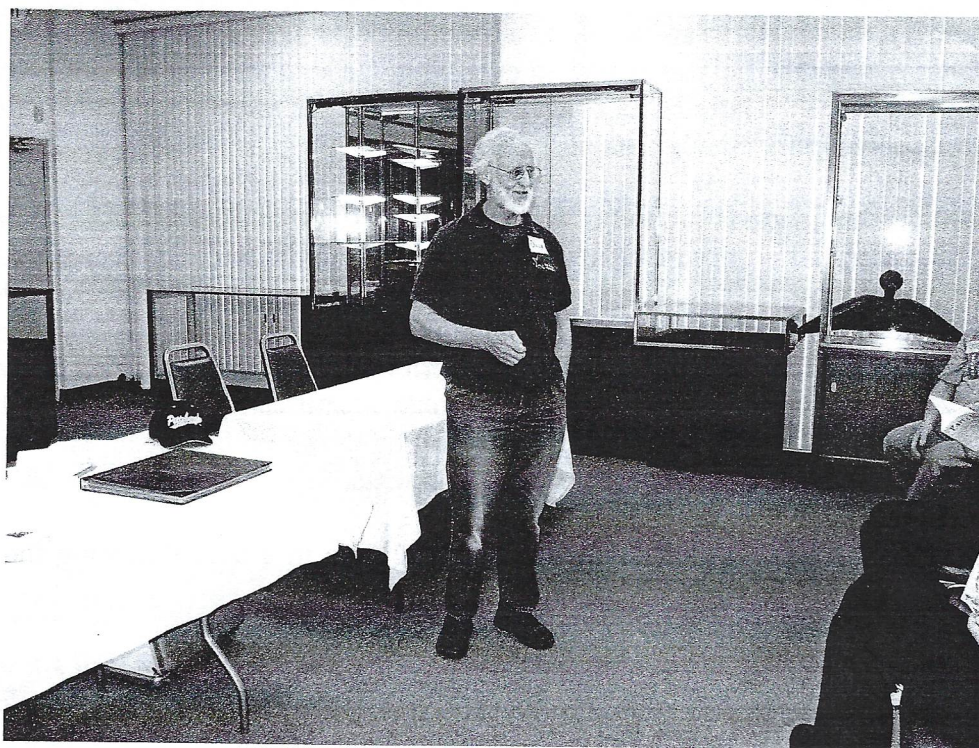
*Mr. and Mrs. Mills ran a good-sized farm near Hackettstown, and were well known in the community, being highly respected personally as well as for business reasons. In March of 1933, following the bank holiday, local trade people were in need of a medium of exchange. As the banks were operating under restricted conditions, Mr. and Mrs. Mills issued their own promissory notes payable at either of the two local banks. Notes were in \$5 and \$10 denominations and were payable between April 15 and July 15, 1933. They were accepted locally and elsewhere also, one being used in Northampton, Pennsylvania and another at a New York bank. Total issue planned was \$500, but according to a letter of his (May 14, 1933) he issued only \$480, out of which \$55 was not turned in for redemption.*

The serial numbers on the notes illustrated herein give a clue as to how many notes of each denomination might have been issued. Notice that the \$5 note has the serial number 524, and that the Shafer plate note has the number 510. Notice also that the \$10 note has serial 1031. If we assume that the serials on the \$10 notes began with 1001, we would have at least \$310 worth of \$10 notes issued. Likewise, assuming that those on the "fives" began with 501, we would have at least \$120 worth of them. That's \$430 worth of both denominations, of the \$480 worth stated by Mr. Mills. An assumed issuance of 32 \$10 bills and 32 \$5 bills would equal the \$480 total. Of this very small initial issue, I would guess that about a dozen or so might remain.

The only additional information I have learned about John Kane Mills and Nellie Wales Hard Mills is that their birth dates were January 12, 1881 and January 6, 1882 respectively, and that they were married on October 15, 1904. The source of this information is [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com). Since they were well known in their community, there should be considerably more information about them in the files of the local newspaper.

No other depression scrip was issued elsewhere in largely rural Warren County or in the neighboring counties of Sussex and Morris. So for those who needed a circulating medium during those hard times, the scrip of Mr. and Mrs. John Kane Mills was the only game in town.





**David Gladfelter talked about the State Atlas of New Jersey at our GSNA convention meeting in May.**

**The atlas was published in 1872 by Beers, Comstock & Cline of New York. When Dave bought it – complete, but literally held together with duct tape – he sent it off to a binder in Pittsburgh. How the binder got the duct tape off, Dave has no idea (you had to see the book how nice it came out).**

**The dealer was planning to break it up and sell the maps individually but Dave persuaded him that it would take him a long time to move them that way. The atlas Dave has is the first for the state of New Jersey.**

**Note: Bill Dewey used it when he wrote about the Bergen Iron Works.**

**Just a coincidence, that Pete mentioned working on a new atlas that will be coming out.**



## ELIZABETH SALOON TOKEN

You won't find this token listed in the Saloon catalogs simply because it doesn't have the word "SALOON" on it. John Precheur was born around 1864 and William Bettner 1875. They were first listed at 224 Morris Ave. from 1878 to 1884 and later moved to 218 Broad St. The saloon and restaurant listing in the Elizabeth directory is from 1897.



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### 348      ELIZABETH DIRECTORY. 1897

PRECHEUR & BETTNER, John L Precheur and Wm Bettner, est, saloon and restaurant, 218 Broad. See adv index

Predmore Frank M, asst supt, h 134 Jefferson av

Premkes Theodore, gardener, h 219 Jefferson av

Prendergast Thomas, conductor, C R R, h 152 Livingston

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## "Old Relic Cafe"

Precheur & Bettner

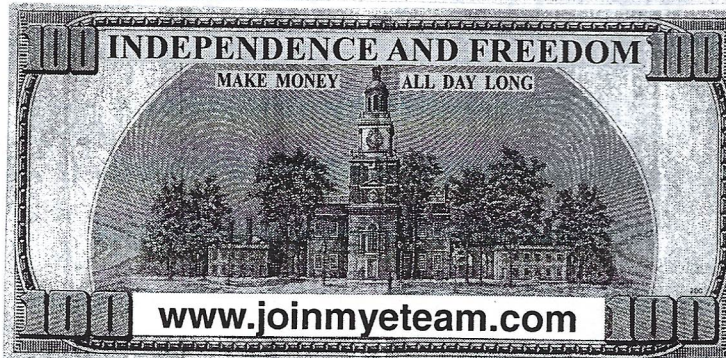
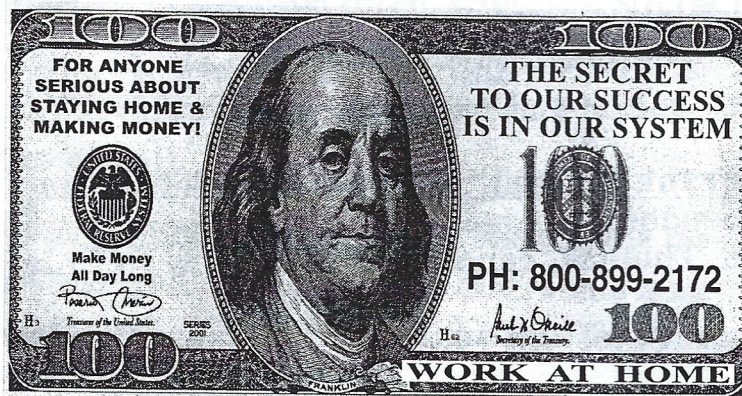
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218 Broad St.      Elizabeth, N. J.

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**MORE FACSIMILE NOTES** David Gladfelter send in the copy from "THE PARTY SHOP" and I picked up the small one from a local store.





In the last issue – Julius Munzer (Paterson, N.J.) token shows he came from Bohemia and was a Wholesale Liquor Dealer - Anton Zipek also came from Bohemia and is listed in the 1910 census as Retail Liquor Dealer/Saloon.



You may want to put some of these Key Tags a side (this one is Alum.) for Auto collectors down the road – The Oldsmobile is now history and who knows how many of these dealers will be around.



## flea market finds.

I noticed a Dun & Bradstreet Business Directory mixed in with some other books laying on the ground – I asked what they were asking for it and was told \$5 (I couldn't get the money out of my wallet fast enough). WOW – Did I make a great deal – BUT - getting it home I saw it was a 1959 issue (not great for checking old maverick tokens) plus it was for the western states only. Still a good buy at \$5.

The next item I picked up was a cardboard I.D. Tag for \$1. Being from Summit, N.J. and dated 1946-47 it brought back memories when I went skating back in PA. in the 1950's.

The next item I picked up for \$4 was the most interesting one of the day for me. All I could make out was Freehold, N.J. (it was in very bad shape & dirty) but I knew it had to be old. Getting home I soaked it in vinegar for about an hour which helped to remove some of the dirt and now could make out the word MAKER and the first letters of the name T.E. JE???R???. I checked the 1914 Dun Directory and found Thomas Edwards Jeffries listed in Freehold as a Harness Maker – In the 1910 Census and 1922 Dun Directory T.E. Jeffries is listed as a Dealer Harness Shop. The badge type is made of lead with brass plated over the lead. gp

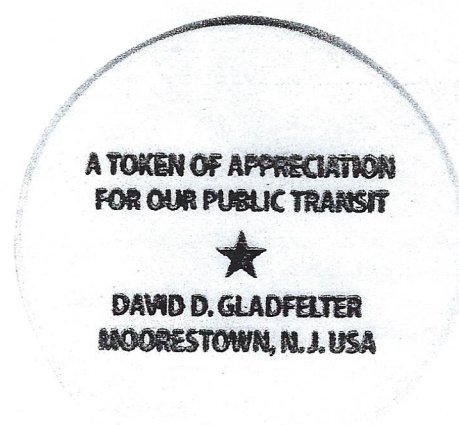
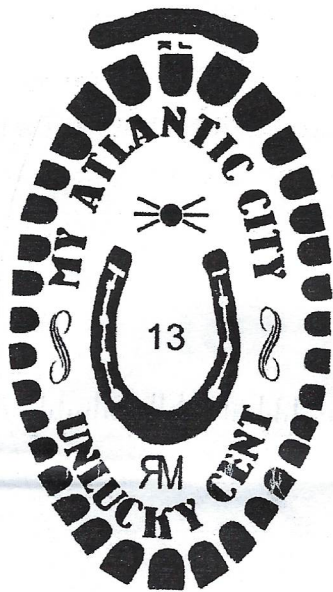




Member Robert Morris who collects N.J. & PA. elongated send in one of his personal elongated. He also informed me that the first N.J.elongated was issued in 1889 (I would guess Atlantic City) ?

David Gladfelder passed out his personal plastic token at our G.S.N.A. meeting.

I picked up another one of those stamp your own information on from Rosenheimers Big Cedar Lake – Marjorie Hausser, Hightown, N.J. Research shows Rosenheimers was a vacation spot located in West Bend, Wis. Marjorie was born in 1910 and worked at a Rug Mill.

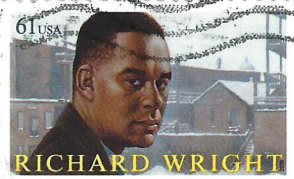




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**FIRST CLASS**

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I picked up two of these \$5 gaming tokens from the Claridge Casino Hotel in Atlantic City at a local flea market. I had no idea why they were blue-anodized, but a call to our expert member, Archie Black answered my question. They were issued that way.